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H. R. 3687

To amend title 5 of the United States Code to provide a civil remedy for the request or receipt of protected records for a nonroutine use by any person within the Executive Offices of the President, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 1996

Mr. BARR of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. POPULAR TITLE.—This bill may be re-
4 ferred to as “The White House Accountability Act of
5 1996”.

1 SEC. 2. (a) Section 552a of title 5 of the United
2 States Code is amended by redesignating subsections (g)
3 through (v) as (h) through (w) and adding a new sub-
4 section (g) to read as follows:

5 “(g) REQUEST OR RECEIPT OF PROTECTED
6 RECORDS BY PERSONS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
7 OF THE PRESIDENT.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law, no person within the Executive Office of the
9 President shall request or receive from the Federal Bu-
10 reau of Investigation records which contain individually
11 identifiable information the disclosure of which is prohib-
12 ited by this section or by rules or regulations established
13 thereunder, unless obtaining such record is for a purpose
14 which is compatible with the purpose for which it was col-
15 lected.”

16 (b) Section 1905 of title 18 of the United States Code
17 is amended by inserting in the first sentence the following
18 words immediately preceding the word “publishes,”: “or
19 person within the Executive Office of the President,”.

20 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.—Section (h)(1) is amended by
21 adding at the end thereto the following: “For purposes
22 of section (g), the individual may bring a civil action
23 against any person in the Executive Office of the Presi-
24 dent, and the district court of the United States for the

1 District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction in the matters
2 under the provisions of this subsection.”

3 SEC. 4. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—An action to en-
4 force any liability created under section 2(a) may be
5 brought within four years of the events giving rise to the
6 cause of action.

7 SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
8 by this section shall apply to any request or receipt of
9 records by a person within the Executive Office of the
10 President on or after January 20, 1993.

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